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SUBJECT: LATEST EC UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

1. THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS RELEASED THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR THE COMMUNITY WHICH INDICATE THAT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FULL UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS HAVE DECLINED SLIGHTLY IN GERMANY, ITALY AND DENMARK BUT CONTINUE TO RISE IN THE OTHER EC MEMBER STATES. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF FULLY UNEMPLOYED WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY IS NOW 4,716,978 COMPARED WITH 2,917,764 ONE YEAR AGO.

2. MOST RECENT STATISTICS SHOWING NUMBERS OF FULLY UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AND PERCENTAGES OF LABOR FORCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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COUNTRY	AUGUST 1974	AUGUST 1975
BELGIUM	96,645 (3.8)	174,413 (6.6)
GERMANY	527,051 (2.3)	1,031,122 (4.5)
FRANCE	428,300 (2.6)	797,013 (4.8)
IRELAND	67,877 (6.0)	100,334 (8.9)
GREAT BRITAIN	656,297 (2.9)	1,185,411 (5.2)
NORTHERN IRELAND	35,206 (6.8)	54,923 (10.5)

	JULY 1974	JULY 1975
DENMARK	34,850 (1.7)	95,300 (4.6)
LUXEMBOURG	43 (0.0)	131 (0.1)

	JUNE 1974	JUNE 1975
ITALY	945,200 (4.8)	1,084,400 (5.6)

3. IN RELEASING THESE STATISTICS, THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT DENMARK NOW CALCULATES UNEMPLOYMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE WORKING POPULATION RATHER THAN ON THE BASIS OF UNEMPLOYED COVERED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES. THE MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT EC STATISTICS ARE DERIVED FROM REPORTS FROM LABOR MINISTRIES OF THE NINE AND ARE NOT EXACTLY COMPARABLE BECAUSE UNEPLOYMENT FIGURES ARE CALCULATED BY DIFFERENT METHODS IN VARIOUS MEMBER STATES. GREENWALD

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